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SUBJECT: GERMAN SALE OF NATURAL GAS SEPARATION PLANT
TO USSR

REF: STATE 220644

EMBOFFS MADE SIMULTANEOUS DELIVERY OF AIDE MEMOIRE BASED
ON REFTEL TO AMBASSADOR JAENICKE IN MFA AND TO HAASE,
WHO DIRECTS FOREIGN TRADE CONTROL OFFICE IN ECONMINISTRY,
ON SEPTEMBER 8. BOTH PROMOSIED TO STUDY CAREFULLY
POINTS RAISED THEREIN, AND GIVE US EXPEDITIOUS REPLY.
WE WERE TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT BEFORE LICENSING
TRANSACTION, LICENSING AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN ASSURED BY
GERMAN DEFENSE, INTEILIGENCE AND INDUSTRY SOURCES THAT
STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF PROPOSED SALE WERE NIL,
ESPECIALLY SINCE SOVIET UNION PRESENTLY CAN AND DOES
MANUFACTURE MORE THAN ENOUGH HELIUM TO FULFILL ALL ITS
STRATEGIC NEEDS. GERMANS ESTIMATE THAT LESS THAN THREE
PERCENT OF CURRENT SOVIET PRODUCTION GOES INTO NON-
CIVILIAN APPLICATIONS.
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